(d) No, Sir; However, for professional training in various aspects of pollution control, Courses on Environmental Sciences and Engineering have been introduced in several universities and technical institutions. These include: the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITS), Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Jadavpur University, Calcutta, Waltair University, Andhra Pradesh and Madras University.

Statement

List of Industrial Units Manufacturing Pollution Monitoring Eqipment

1. M/s. Associated Instruments Manufacturers (India) Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
2. M/s. Toshniwal Instruments (Bombay) Pvt. Ltd., Bombay.
3. M/s. Netal Chromotographs, Thane.
4. Chemito Instruments Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.
5. Enviro-Tech Instrument Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
6. Electronics Corporation India Ltd., Hyderabad.
7. M/s. Chromotograph and Instruments Co., Baroda.
8. M/s. Century Instrument (P) Ltd, Chandigarh.
9. M/s. Instrumentation Ltd., Kota.
10. M/s. Micro-Electronics, Madras.
11. M/s. Assotex Electronics, Bombay.
12. M/s. Teledyne Ray, Calcutta.
13. M/s. Systronics, Ahmedabad.
14. M/s. Elico P.tv Ltd., Hyderabad.
15. M/s. S.F. India Ltd., Calcutta.

Facing the environmental hazard

1675. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the reports appearing in a section of the press that India is likely to face a big environmental hazard due to the fact that (1) India is losing 1.5 million hectares of forest land every year; (2) the area under Forests is reduced from 74 million hectares to a mere 40 million hectares; (3) approximatey 200 crore tonnes of fertile soils are washed away every year; (4) more than half the population of the country faces drinking water crisis during summer months; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what concrete schemes Government have to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Government are aware of the reports regarding the loss of forest lands, the washing away of top soil and drinking water scarcity in parts of the country due to various causes.

(b) The following measures have been taken to maintain ecological balance in the country:—

(1) The emphasis in all forestry programmes today is laid on conservation and increased plantation efforts.

(2) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted with a view to minimise diversion of forest land for non-forest use.

(3) The State Governments have been advised to ban all feelings above 1000 metres in the hills and to restrict clear felling of the natural forests.

(4) The National Wastelands Development Board has been set up to accelerate afforestation activities on wastelands and degraded forest lands.

(5) Peoples participation has been increased through Farm Forestry and decentralised nurseries.

I.A.S., I.P.S. officers on deputations to undertakings

1676. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAS, IPS and other Central cadre personnels who have gone